

“Contributing to the URL Shortener for Rutgers University has been a significant achievement during my tenure as a student worker at the university. Seeing my changes, such as containerizing the developer environment and adding new functionality requested by university faculty, was very gratifying. These changes were essential talking points in my technical interviews, which led to an internship at Amazon Web Services.”

– Andrew Hong (class of '26)

“I joined OSS in my sophomore year, knowing very little about CS or software engineering. Despite my lack of experience, I was given the opportunity to work on high-impact projects, including go.rutgers.edu and ship features used by thousands of students and faculty. Thanks to the skills and connections I built through OSS, I landed internships and started my career on a strong footing. Currently, I'm a software engineer working in ML infra at a startup called Hive, and I build systems that serve ML models at scale.”

– Anirvin Vaddiyar (class of '24)

"Shrunk was one of the first projects I worked on at OSS. It gave me a great opportunity to develop skills ranging from frontend and backend development to DevOps and operations. The experience I gained helped me get my first internships and jobs and is still relevant in my current position as a software engineer at Cloudflare."

– Peter Bandziukas (class of '21)

“I got to work with lots of technologies and tools at a scale that I have never worked with before. Also, it is cool to see features I work on being utilized in real time across the university.”

– Ashton Karp (class of '27)

“I had the opportunity to work on the development of go.rutgers.edu’s first public API, which allows Rutgers departments to automatically create and manage short links. This made it easier for teams to migrate away from third-party services, resulting in meaningful cost savings for the university. It was rewarding to see the large-scale impact my work could have, while also gaining hands-on experience building enterprise-level software that serves the Rutgers community.”

– Yogesh Sampathkumar (class of '27)

“When I had the privilege of working on go.rutgers.edu, I got to work on new features like link security verification and tracking pixels for Rutgers marketing campaigns and a bunch of other things. I say it's a privilege because seeing the tool used throughout campus, seeing my professors use it, and its heavy integration into the Rutgers community made me proud of the work I was doing. And more than that, it was a ton of fun. It was the perfect combination of creative freedom, technical responsibility, and visible community impact that made it all worthwhile. I am currently a software engineer at AT&T in Texas. But forever an OSSer.”

– Kevin Monisit (class of '25)